



# Economic Development Newsletter

DEER PARK, TEXAS

## *You Matter More in a Local Store*

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### **Pizza in Two Minutes?**

1000 Degrees Pizza will open by mid-August at 8035 Spencer Hwy. (in the new retail center next door to Smashburger), serving "create your own" Neapolitan pizzas. Their authentic Neapolitan pizza dough is hand-tossed, never frozen and topped with your choice of over 50 fresh ingredients. Coupling the highest quality imported ingredients with their state-of-the-art oven; your pizza will be baked to perfection in less than 2 minutes. See the full menu at [www.1000degreespizza.com](http://www.1000degreespizza.com).



### **Ready..... Aim..... Open.....**

The Gun Cleaners will open in late-August at 2816 Center Street (former location of Barbie Bowtique and next door to Deer Park Animal Hospital). Owner and Deer Park graduate, Ben Whitfield, recently retired from a long, successful Army career and is now embarking on his new business, The Gun Cleaners franchise. Ben will offer concealed permit classes, training, home security, fire arms sales, servicing, and custom engraving; plus Ben says that his will be the lowest prices around. Follow him on Facebook at Texas Concealed Handguns or call him at (832) 414-9739.



### **Lomi Lomi in Deer Park**

Eclipse Massage & Spa at 4321 Center Street has expanded its space and services by renovating the building's second floor and transforming it into usable space. New services now offered in the upstairs expansion include Thai Massage, Lomi Lomi and ionic foot detox. What is Lomi Lomi? It is an ancient Hawaiian form of massage best known for long, flowing, dance-like strokes that usually involve more than one body part at the same time, while striving to promote balance and harmony within the body.

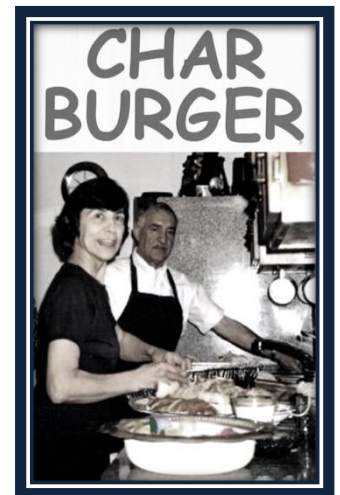


### After-School Program

Need help with kids after school? Area native Marshall Cevallos has opened CEV Athletics/Jui Jitsu at 106 E. San Augustine (next door to the post office). Marshall discovered Jiu Jitsu after his young daughter started showing signs of autism. Jiu Jitsu, as well as other forms of martial arts, teaches learning-disabled kids structure, team building and life skills. CEV Athletics has flourished since opening over a year ago, now offering programs for women, kids, beginners and executives. Check out their great after-school program, plus bully-prevention programs, self-defense and special-needs programs. Look at [www.cevathletics.com](http://www.cevathletics.com) or call (713) 447-6646.

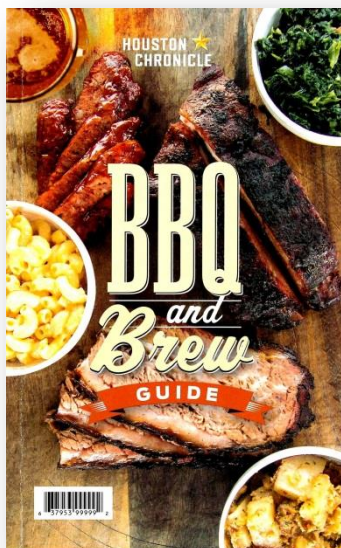
### Char Burger Celebrates 45 Years

Happy 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Char Burger, one of Deer Park's oldest restaurants still in business. It was 1971 when Char Burger began serving up hot and tasty burgers, gyros, home-made onion rings and more to hungry customers at 1921 Center St. Long-time owners and Deer Park residents, Jeanne and John Phillipos, originally moved here from Chicago. They brought with them a restaurant background and several delicious Greek family-recipes. Several light and healthy items have been added to the menu since it opened, but Char Burger's time-honored original recipes keep customers coming back year after year. You can call in your order at (281) 479-1143.



### Wayne Gets Recognized

Congratulations to Wayne Kammerl, pitmaster for Brisket House at 3217 Center Street. He was recently featured in the Houston Chronicle's *BBQ & Brew Guide* as one of the top 26 pitmasters in Texas. Wayne started his smokin' career as pitmaster for Tom's Barbecue in College Station. Because of his obsession for the perfect brisket, he smokes the meat for 15 hours with a combination of Oak and Pecan. The Brisket House still serves the "Aggie Special" (now called the House Special), and has been recognized as possibly the best BBQ in Houston, according to *The Houston Press*. Stop by soon and try Wayne's award winning recipes – dine in, carry out or have your next event catered. Call (281) 884-8058 or browse the menu at [www.thebriskethouse.com](http://www.thebriskethouse.com).





### **Antonio's Celebrates with 50% Off the Price!**

Antonio's Italian Grill & Seafood restaurant is celebrating their 28<sup>th</sup> year in Deer Park, located at 1105 Center St. As a show of appreciation for their customers, Antonio's is hosting an anniversary celebration on Tuesday, August 16 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm, offering meals at 50% off the regular price and complimentary cake for dessert. Come and help the Antonio's family commemorate their success.



### **Ocean Breeze Relocates**

Ocean Breeze Occupational Solutions has relocated to 2106 Center Street in Deer Park from their former location in Kemah. This is not your typical drug and alcohol testing company. President, JayLynne Touchton and Vice President, Vivian Beard (JayLynne's mom) were driven to start this company several years ago after JayLynne adopted four precious children. They saw this company as a vehicle for educating children on drug abuse and addiction. They also designed an anti-bullying and drug awareness program for elementary schools that is provided free of charge. Ocean Breeze can assist with Health & Safety programs, audits, RAVS Reviews and policy development. To learn more, call (281) 478-4609 or visit [www.oceanbreezooccupationalolutions.com](http://www.oceanbreezooccupationalolutions.com).

### **Cruise the Ship Channel**

Did you know that the Port of Houston offers a FREE 90-minute cruise/tour of the ship channel aboard their 95-foot vessel M/V Sam Houston? Embarking from the port's Sam Houston Pavilion, visiting sightseers will enjoy passing views of international cargo vessels and operations at the port's Turning Basin Terminal. The vessel holds up to 100 passengers and features air-conditioned lounge seating as well as standing room outside on the boat's deck. The M/V Sam Houston has been operating as the Port of Houston's public tour vessel since its first voyage on July 30, 1958. For more information and to make your reservation, go to [www.portofhouston.com](http://www.portofhouston.com) and click on "Community Outreach".



## Dow's Huge Lease

The Dow Chemical Co. has leased over 75,000 square feet in Deerwood Office III, a two-story, 98,230-square-foot office building at 4460 Texas 225 in Clay Development's Deerwood Glen Business Park (near the intersection of Hwy. 225 and Georgia Ave).



## Relocation from Downtown

Deer Park welcomes Brown & Root to 4440 Highway 225 in the Deerwood Glen Business Park. This division of KBR recently moved 45 employees here from their downtown Houston location.



**Brown & Root**

## F.I.R.S.T. Expands

First in Rescue, Safety & Training LLC (F.I.R.S.T.) originally opened in Deer Park at 1010 Center Street in 2008, but has recently expanded across the street into the former Deer Park Muffler building at 1013 Center St. The new building will be used for training and is undergoing some major renovations, including a new electronic sign. The original location at 1010 Center St. serves as their corporate headquarters and it, too, will get a face-lift in the coming months. All of their success will soon be celebrated with a community barbeque to be held in September, so stay tuned for more details or go to [www.firstcallfirst.com](http://www.firstcallfirst.com) for more information.



## Bits & Pieces



- Bullritos, located at 3709 Center Street (near Starbucks), has closed its doors. There is already another restaurant franchise ready to take over the space and it will be announced soon.
- Shipley Donuts will soon move their business across the street to the old Bosa Donuts building at 3117 Center Street (next door to BiBi's and the library), which means they will have a drive-thru window at the new location.
- Koby's Fine Jewelry at 3428 Center St. is having a "class ring" sale during August. Koby's has also extended their shopping hours and is open Monday – Friday 11:00 am to 7:00 pm; Saturdays 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- Fun Fact: The total area of Houston could contain San Francisco, New York City and Boston - all at the same time. If the Houston region was a country, it would be the 31<sup>st</sup> largest country in the world based on its GDP.

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